

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 7-8, and 26-40 were pending in this application. The Examiner has stated that Claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. Applicants acknowledge rejoinder of Claims 26-27 by the Examiner. Claims 1, 8, 35, and 39 have been amended. Claims 2-6, 9-31, and 36-38 have been canceled. The amendments made herein to the specification and claims do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. Support for the amendments can be found in the drawings and throughout the instant specification. After entry of this amendment, Claims 1, 7-8, 32-35, and 39-40 will be pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In order to expedite prosecution and issuance of a notice of allowance for the instant application, and pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions, Applicants have amended Claim 1 and cancelled Claim 2 without prejudice, as discussed below.

The examiner has stated that, "*Claim 2 is objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.*" As such, applicants have amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of Claim 2. Accordingly, applicants have cancelled Claim 2. Applicants have also amended Claim 8 to depend from currently amended Claim 1, rather than cancelled Claim 2. Claims 35 and 39 have been amended to remove the introduction of the "housing" element, which is already introduced in Claim 1.

Claim Rejection under §112

The Examiner has objected to Claim 8 as indefinite because it is unclear as to whether there are two detents. Applicants submit amendments to Claim 8 correct this deficiency by adding the term "retention" as a qualifier the detent claimed in Claim 8. Applicants respectfully submit these amendments have overcome the rejection and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under §102 and §103

Claims 1, 7-8, 26-27, 32-35 and 39-40 have been rejected as anticipated by Morrison, U.S. Patent Number 2,542,828 (hereinafter "Morrison") cited by the Examiner. In light of the allowable

subject matter of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit the amendments to Claim 1 overcome these rejections and render them moot. Furthermore, the cancellation of Claims 2-6, 9-31, and 36-38 render some of these objections as moot.

Conclusion

In view of the Remarks above, applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 7-8, 32-35, and 39-40 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the Examiner earnestly reconsider the rejections and objections of the present application. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this Response, and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks made herein. Consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully submitted.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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